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For: METHOD OF BUILD UP WELDING ) Examiner: Kiley Shawn STONER  
TO THIN-WALLED PORTION ) Date: May 31, 2005

**AMENDMENT (B)**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 28, 2005, please amend the application identified above as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.